

SENATE BILL 3740

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 16, relative to virtual public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-213, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):

(b) The department of education shall order an LEA to close a virtual school and the LEA shall close the school, if the department determines that the school, establisher, operator or manager:

(1) Failed to demonstrate increases in student achievement according to the school's goals of its authorizing contract and state academic standards under subdivision (a)(1);

(2) Failed to demonstrate academic, fiscal or operational accountability and viability of the school under subdivision (a)(2);

(3) Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards or procedures in this part or the rules and regulations of the state board of education;

(4) Failed to meet or make adequate yearly progress toward achievement of the state's accountability system for two (2) consecutive years; or

(5) Failed to comply with § 49-3-316 in accounting for all funds received for and expended on behalf of the virtual school.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.